

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Monday, February 6, 2006 10:35 a.m. St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Detroit, MI**

Representative Nitz, Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, and Representative Gaffney, Chair of the Standing Committee on Health Policy, called the Joint House Committee Meeting to order.

Representative Mayes made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Stahl. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Stahl, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law. (6/11)**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Newell, Casperson, Proos, Hune, Sheltroun. (5/11)**

The Chair stated that the purpose of the meeting would be to receive testimony and discuss Avian Influenza Preparedness and Michigan's preparedness in the event of a pandemic.

The following individuals spoke to Committee members present:

Melinda Dixon, M.D., representing the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion

Janice Rey, representing the St. John Hospital and Medical Center

George J. Miller, representing the Oakland County Health Department

Anahid Kulwicki, representing the Wayne County Health Department

Eden Weits, representing the Michigan Department of Community Health

Dan Hagen, representing the Eastpointe Fire and Rescue Department

Dianne Miller, representing the Michigan Pharmacists Association

Glen Hendricks, representing the American Red Cross

Kevin Lokar, M.D., representing the Macomb County Health Department

Michael Krecek, representing the Midland County Department of Public Health

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 12:27 p.m.

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Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

Stacey Hettiger, Acting Committee Clerk